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NOTICE!

In the next Number of the ILLUSTRATED SPORTING NEWS will be issued a Magnificent

WHOLE-PAGE PORTRAIT

OF

SEEL, OF STALEYBRIDGE,
Who has twice defeated Miles, of Brixton, for the Ten-Mile Belt.

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THE CHAMPIONSHIP QUOTER CONTROVERSY, WITH MEMOIRS AND PERFORMANCES OF MCGREGOR AND WALKINSHAW.

Our readers have for some weeks been indulged with one of those controversies which will occasionally occur when even the best understanding exists between parties, and the affair at issue is capable of being compressed into the space of the proverbial nut-shell. In the present instance there has been an unlimited expenditure in postage-stamps and "cream laid" note, over a matter which could have been ended without bother; but argument and grumbling in the columns of a newspaper is the indisputable birthright of a true Briton; and whilst statesmen, naturalists, and model theatre projectors are permitted space to state grievances, found schemes, and lay claim to honours untold in the inner sheet of the *Times*, who shall turn round upon our friends McGregor and Walkinshaw, and "blow them up" for making the ILLUSTRATED SPORTING NEWS the vehicle for ventilating a subject which concerns them nearly, and which is not without interest to the general public? In the present instance McGregor claims to be considered the Champion Quoter of the United Kingdom, and very lucidly sets forth his qualifications for the honour. But "there is fish as good in the sea as ever came out of it," as the saying goes, and so up starts the man of Carlisle; the "braw chiel" Walkinshaw disputes the right of title. In no way loath to bring so important a subject to a decisive issue, we throw open our columns, and the result is now before our readers in a series of letters full of pros and cons, and which have drawn out the points of the case. We will not here review our correspondents' essays, for they are of too recent date, and can be soon traced in their entirety; suffice it to say that the controversy has resulted in Walkinshaw allowing all the demands McGregor made, and calling upon him to make a deposit of £10, so that business can be commenced. In reply to this McGregor's backers demand that a copy of articles may be forwarded them at once for perusal. We put this request before Walkinshaw, and he positively refuses to stir a stamp until £10 is in our hands. Now after we have got everything so comfortably arranged, we hope that McGregor will send us the small amount required.

WILLIAM MCGREGOR.

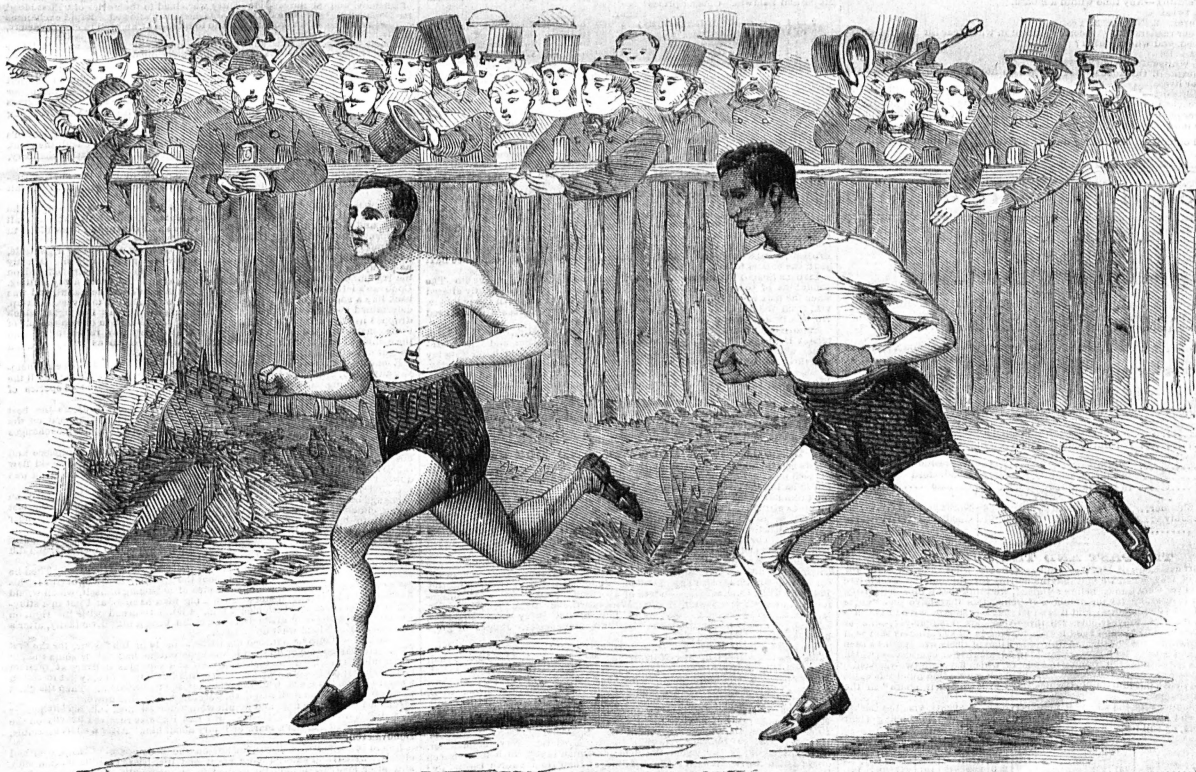
was born at South Shields, in the county of Durham, June 24th, 1840; stands 5ft 6in in height, and is 27 years of age. When in playing trim weighs 9st 10lb. He usually plays with quots 8 1/2 in diameter, and 8 1/2 lb weight. At 18 yds, and plays at 21 yds with quots 8 1/2 in diameter, 7 1/2 lb weight. The following is a list of his performances:—Beat W. West, August 12th, 1855, at South Shields, for £25 a side; beat ditto, January 1st, 1856, £5 a side; beaten by Slater, July 25th, 1856, £7 a side; beat Slater, August 8th, 1856, £10 a side; beat S. Gibbons, of The Felling, September, 1856, £5 a side; beat Nichol Hymas, of The Felling, October, 1856, £5 a side; won the North of England Handicap, beating twenty-four others, March 27th, 1858; beat W. Nixon, the Champion of the North, March 25th, 1858, £5 a side; beat M. Part, of The Felling, April 25th,

£10 a side; won Mr. Twaddle's handicap, St. Anthony's, beating twenty-seven others, May 2nd, 1858 (prize gold watch and £10); defeated William Nixon, of Colliery Dykes, August 9th, 1858, for the championship and £40 a side; beat John Bordinan, of Manchester, September 6th, 1858, £20 a side; beaten by S. Gillespie, of Edinburgh, January 4th, 1859, £25 a side; beat S. Gillespie, January 3rd, 1859, £40 a side; beaten by G. Harle, of Scotlandwood, July 25th, 1860, £10 a side; beaten by William Jones, of Low Fell, giving ten shots start, and standing 18 yds to his 16, December 10th, 1860, £10 a side; won Mr. McEwan's handicap, 21 yds distance, beating fifty-seven others, August 12th, 1861, £10 a side; beaten by R. Walkinshaw, of Carlisle, at Glasgow, August 12th, 1861, £10 a side; beat W. Lindsay, of Glasgow, August 17th, 1861, £25 a side; won Heath Handicap, Scotland, beating five others, September 3rd, 1861, £5 prize; beat William Whittaker, of Manchester, at Edinburgh and Glasgow, 18 yds, November 23rd, 1861, £10 a side; played matches against time at 18 yds, and won eighteen out of twenty-one. This is a fair list of doings, and one of which any player may be proud.

ROBERT WALKINSHAW.

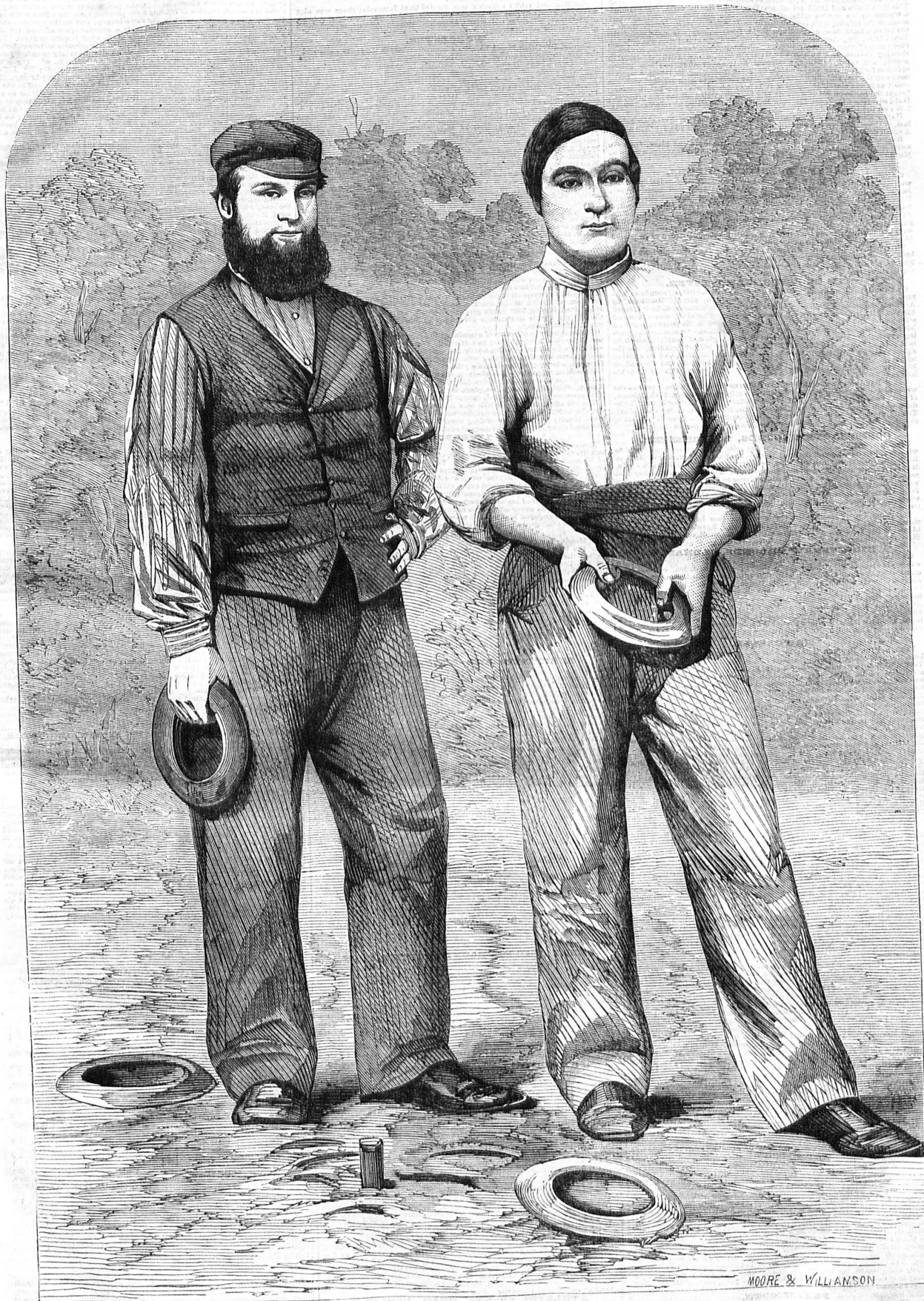
has given great attention to athletic games, and has figured in more than one branch of sport. In 1853 he won the first-class medal for vaulting with the pole at Edinburgh gymnastic sports. Thereafter he has given his attention mainly to quots playing, and, from his quiet, unassuming manner, and success in quots playing, has gained many friends. The distance played is the usual one in Scotland, 21 yds, quots 9 1/2 lb each; in 1857 Mr. Walkinshaw played his first public matches, defeating David Beck, Kircaldy, in two games each, for £10 a side; in 1858 won two matches with David Penman, each for £10 a side; in 1859, won a match for £20 a side, with Charles Duncan, and, in the same year, added to his trophies by carrying off the "Scottish Champion Prize" gold medal, at Leith sports; in 1860, won a match with James Campbell, Cowdenbeath, for £10 a side. Thereafter played four matches, each for £20 a side, with Mr. Kirkland, Champion of Ayrshire. Two games were won by each man, Walkinshaw winning the last event, and being allowed to retain the victory. In 1861 Walkinshaw defeated William McGregor, of South Shields, in two off-hand matches for £5 and £10 a side, and in that year assayed for the championship, and defeated William Lindsay, Glasgow, then considered the first quots player in Scotland, for £50 a side; in the present year won another match with Lindsay, for £50 a side, described as a specimen of the finest quots playing ever witnessed in Scotland, Walkinshaw scoring 63 to Lindsay's 34. Walkinshaw, also, this year, carried off, from numerous competitors, a splendid silver medal presented for competition at St. Ronan Border Games, by Mr. Sheriff Bell, Glasgow, with the motto, "Steady hand will steady eye."

Outs the feather over the Tee.
The portraits we have secured are admirable ones, and in placing them in such close proximity, and with such an air of business about them, we trust we only anticipate the intention of the players.



THE GREAT SIX-MILE RACE BETWEEN DEERFOOT AND MILLS AT HACKNEY WICK ON BOXING-DAY.

(From a Drawing by our own Artist.)



THE GREAT QUOITERS.

ROBERT WALKINSHAW, OF CARLOPS.
(From a Photograph by Bowman, 65, Jamaica-street, Glasgow.)

WILLIAM MCGREGOR, OF SOUTH SHIELDS.
(From a Photograph by J. H. Haggit, 34, Market-place, South Shields.)

PRIZE RING.

3. Thames National Regatta.
4. G. Everson.
5. Harry Kelly.
6. Robert Chambers.
7. Harry Clasper.
8. Thomas Crout, of Woolwich.

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